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Salt Lake City- "Utah's ethnic communities are growing in size, importance and responsibility," said Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. On October 6, 2005 the Governor signed the Office of Ethnic Affairs executive order officially creating the newly structured State Office of Ethnic Affairs.

"The creation of the Office of Ethnic Affairs recognizes the growth of the community and elevates the individual offices to meet the needs of the various communities," said Governor Huntsman.

The State Office of Ethnic Affairs Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latino, and Pacific Islander directors and staff are working together and in partnership with other state agencies and the Ethnic Advisory Councils to better serve the needs of the ethnic communities.

A copy of the executive order is available on the ethnic affairs website at [www.ethnicoffice.utah.gov](http://www.ethnicoffice.utah.gov) The Office of Ethnic Affairs is housed within the Utah Department of Community and Culture under the direction of Executive Director Yvette Donosso Diaz.

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